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Docket No. S-94,792

In Response to Office Action dated November 2, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present patent application. Claim 1 has been rejected. Claim 2 has been objected to. Claims 3-5 have been withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

According to the present Office Action, the information disclosure statement filed 4/29/05 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98, and MPEP § 609, because the website reference (R. B. Von Dreele) on sheet 4 of 4 lacks a publication date on the actual copy. This reference has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. All of the other references in the IDS have been considered.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. According to the Office Action, the specification, while enabling for proteins, is not enabling for other macromolecules because the specification does not specifically mention how macromolecules other than proteins may be used. According to the Office Action, amending claim 1 by reciting that the macromolecule is a protein would negate this rejection. Applicant has amended claim 1 by reciting that the macromolecule is a protein. With this change, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable and respectfully requests that the rejection to claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Please cancel claims 2-5.

Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered into the present patent application. For the reasons set forth above, all claims are condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly solicited. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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